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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 1 Percent from Last Month

Idaho's 2005 winter wheat production is forecast at 66.4 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month's forecast, and 5 percent greater than last year's crop. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service report is based on June 1 conditions. The yield is forecasted to be 91 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel per acre from last month and a new record high, if realized, for Idaho. Acres to be harvested, at 730,000, represent a 30,000 acre increase from 2004.

Idaho hops strung for harvest in 2005 totaled 3,277 acres, up 1 percent from last year's harvested area of 3,253 acres.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but 3 percent above 2004. Based on June 1 conditions, the U. S. yield is forecast at 44.1 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast. Area for grain harvest is 35.1 million acres, unchanged from last month.

United States hops strung for harvest in 2005 totaled 29,189 acres, 5 percent higher than the 2004 crop of 27,742 acres harvested, and 2 percent higher than the 2003 crop of 28,669 acres harvested.

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